

CLAIMS

1 ✓ In combination with geometrical modeling of physical bodies, a method for
2 evaluation and design of a structural product formed in accordance with said geometrical
3 modeling, including the steps of: establishing multiple topological views representing said
4 structural product through use of inner and outer boundaries; associating properties and
5 analysis with said topological views; and mapping said multiple topological views to a
6 common and unique base geometry.

1 2. The method as defined in claim 1 wherein said topological views overlap within a
2 parametric domain of said base geometry defining physical space of said structural product.

1 3. In combination with the method as defined in claim 1, a method for connecting
2 boundary elements of said topological views, where such boundary elements include points
3 on curves, edges on surfaces, faces on solids.

1 4. The method as defined in claim 3 wherein said step of connecting the boundary
2 elements is performed using connection objects mapping parametric domain space of two or
3 more of the boundary elements to common parameters, of which Cartesian is one, through
4 multidimensional spline functions.

1 5. The method as defined in claim 3 wherein said step of connecting the boundary
2 elements is performed using connection objects mapping two or more parametric points on
3 the respective boundary elements to a common Cartesian location in space.

1 6. The method as defined in claim 4 wherein said step of connecting the boundary
2 elements is performed using connection objects mapping parametric edge elements of a
3 topological view of type face to common parameters of which Cartesian location is one,
4 through multidimensional spline functions.

1 7. The method as defined in claim 4 wherein said step of connecting the boundary
2 elements is performed using connection objects mapping parametric surfaces elements of a
3 topological view of type volume to common parameters of which Cartesian location is one,
4 through multidimensional spline functions.